

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application as amended. Claims 1-11, 13-19, and 21-26 are pending in the application. Claim 22 is rejected. Claims 23-26 are subject to restriction. Claims 22-26 have been cancelled.

Claim Rejections 35 USC § 112

The Examiner rejected claim 22 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as being indefinite. Applicant has cancelled claim 22 without prejudice. Applicant therefore respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the rejection.

Restriction Requirement

The Examiner has subjected claims 23-26 to a restriction requirement. In response, Applicant has cancelled claims 23-26 without prejudice.

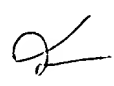
It is respectfully submitted that in view of the amendments set forth herein, the applicable rejections and objections have been overcome. Applicant submits that remaining claims 1-11, 13-19, and 21 are therefore in condition for allowance.

Please charge any shortages and credit any overcharges to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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